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mmWave Phased Array Antenna on 5G Applications

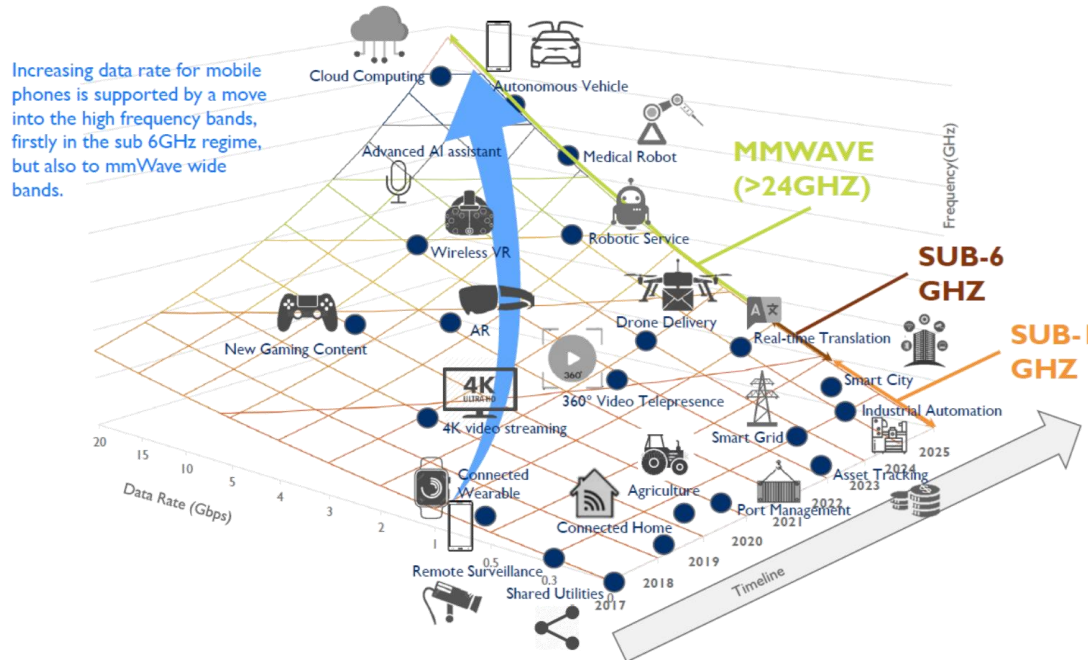
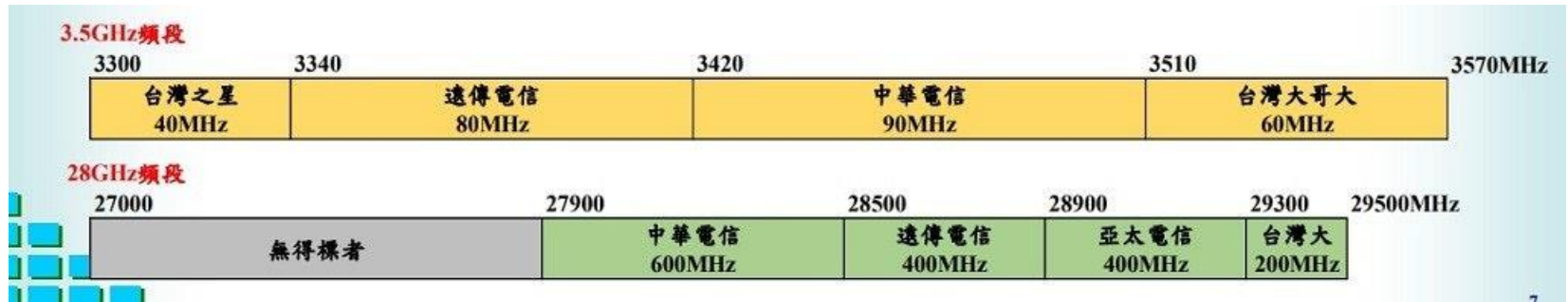
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5G Use Cases & Applications

User Experiences (eMBB)

- >10Gbps Peak Rate, 100Mbps Everywhere
- X10K Traffic, 10Mbps/m2 Capacity
- 200MHz/ 400MHz BW is Required
- FR2 mmWave Spectrum Provide Wide Bandwidth



Mission Critical Com+Ctl (URLLC)

- <1msec Latency, 10-5 Outage
- ~0 Mobility Interruption

Everything Connected (mIoT)

- 1M Devices/Km2
- >10Y Battery Life



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Realities....

-Radiation Wave Characteristics

Wave Length



Propagation Characteristics

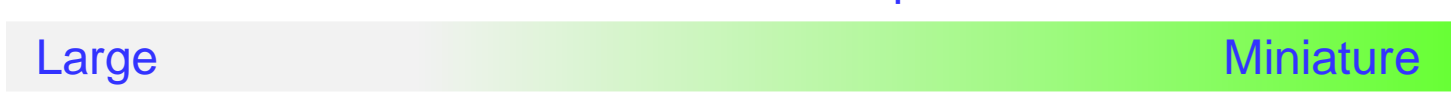


Propagation Loss



Mobile Communication Spectrum

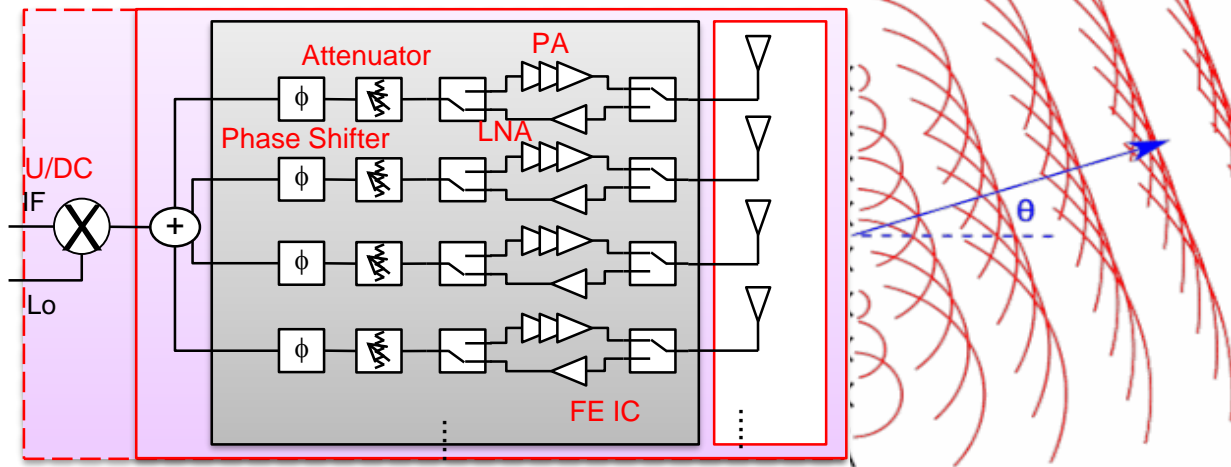
Circuit Dimensions



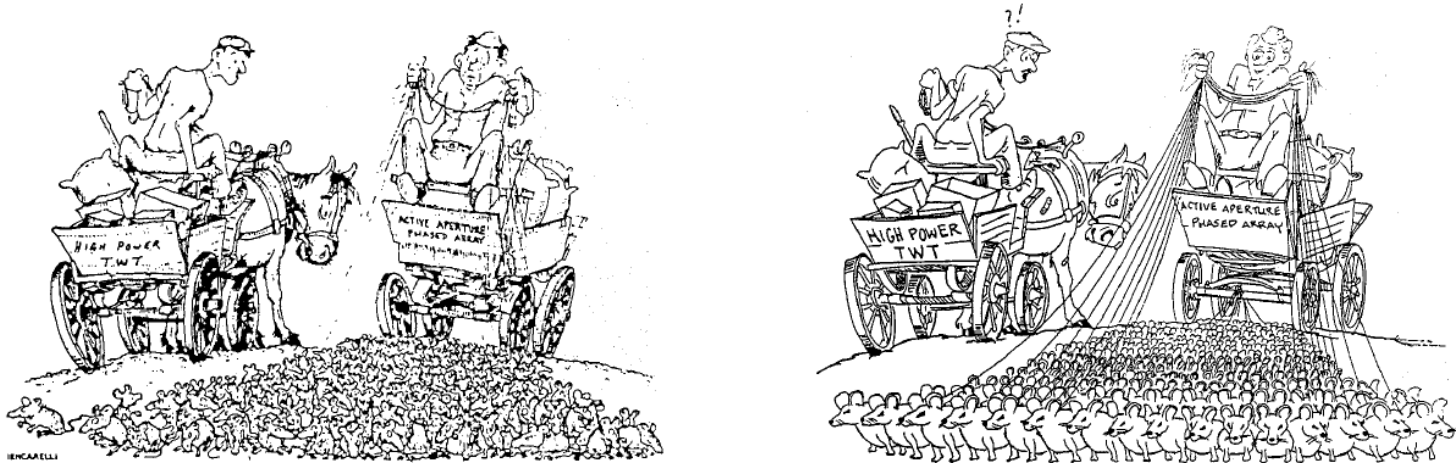
Semiconductor Capabilities



Resolutions for 5G mmWave Radio System -Active Phased Array Antenna



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mmWave Communication Resolutions

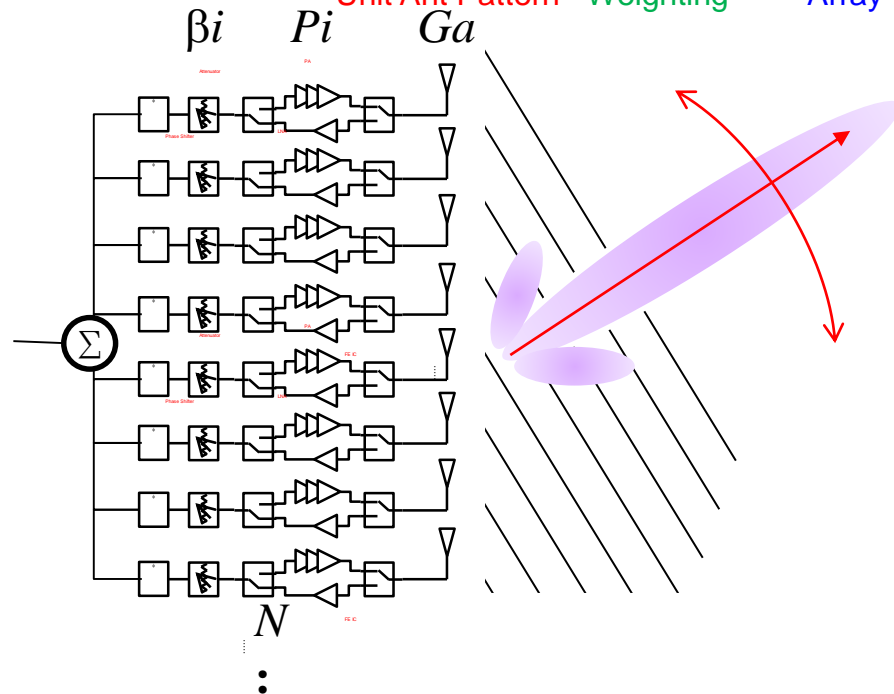
- Active Phased Array Antenna

- Beam Forming for Power Spatial Combining
 - EIRP Equivalent Isotropic Power
- Beam Steering for Spatial Coverage

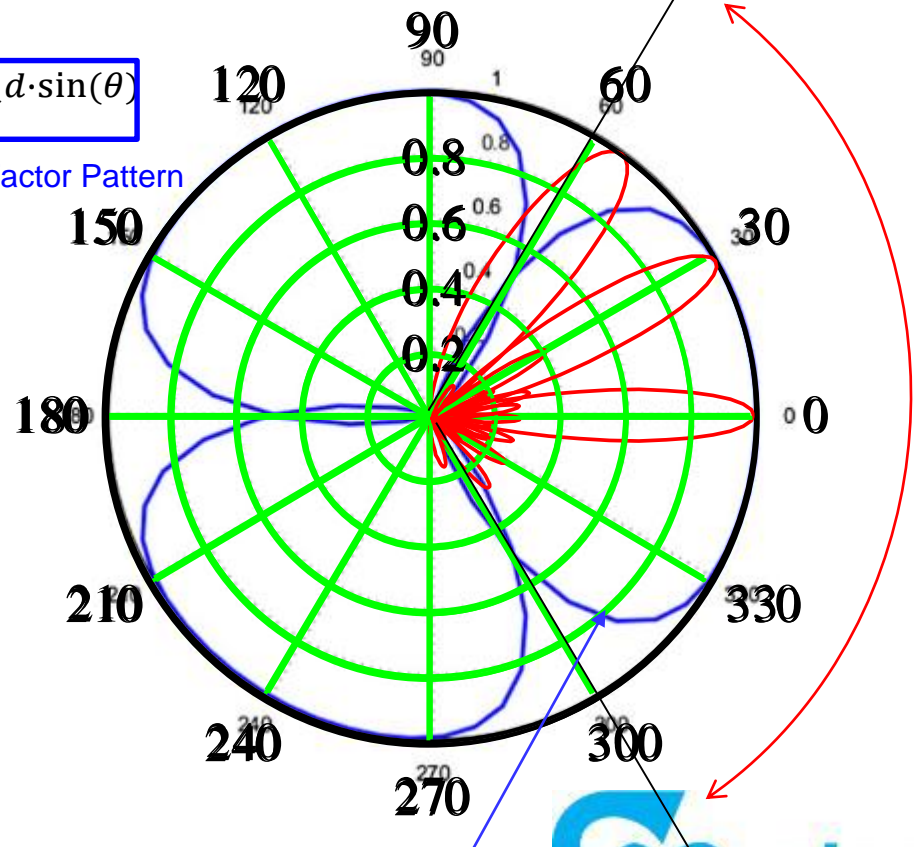
$$\text{EIRP} = 20 \log(N) + P_i + G_a - L_f$$

$$\text{Array Pattern} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \boxed{G_a(\theta)} \cdot \boxed{a_n} \cdot \boxed{e^{j\beta_n} \cdot e^{jk_n d \cdot \sin(\theta)}}$$

Unit Ant Pattern Weighting Array Factor Pattern



+/- 60 Deg Coverage
VIA Steered Beams



120 Deg Sector Antenna Coverage

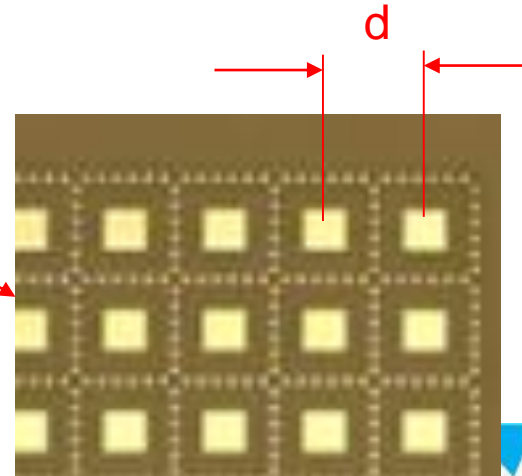
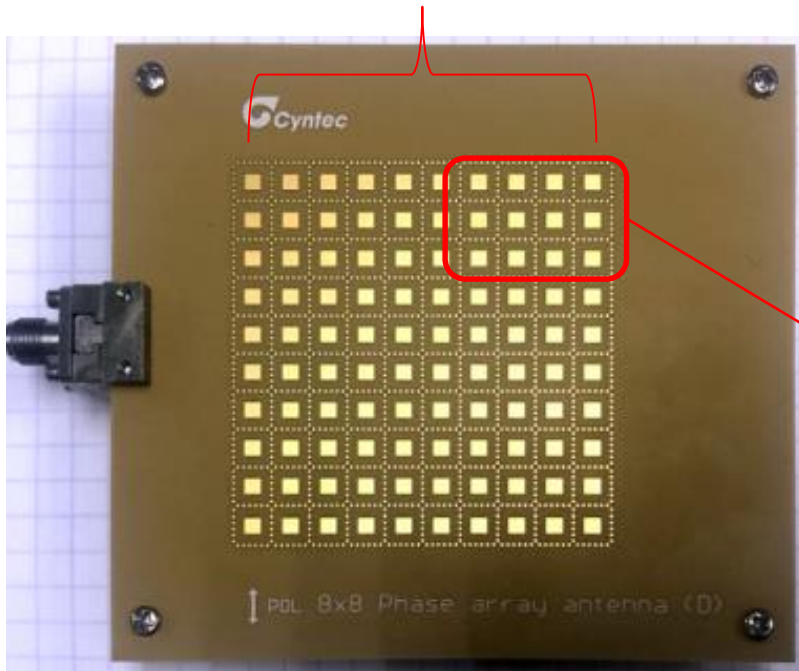
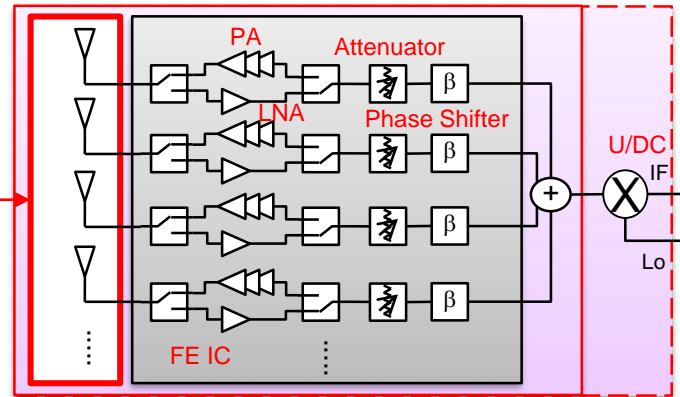
Phased Array Antenna Design Considerations

- Array Design

$$\text{Array Pattern} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \boxed{Ga(\theta)} \cdot \boxed{a_n} \cdot \boxed{e^{j\beta_n} \cdot e^{jk_n d \cdot \sin(\theta)}}$$

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N-Element Array



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Phased Array Antenna Considerations

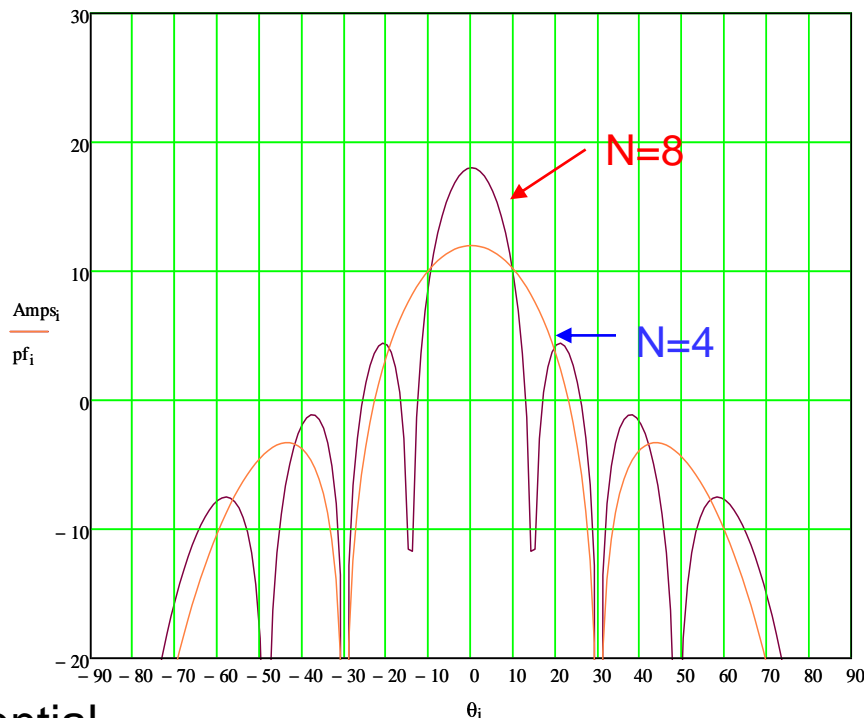
- Array Design & Beam Forming Characteristics

More are The Array Elements

- ✓ Higher is the EIRP
- ✓ Higher is the Antenna Gain
- ✓ Sharper is the Beam

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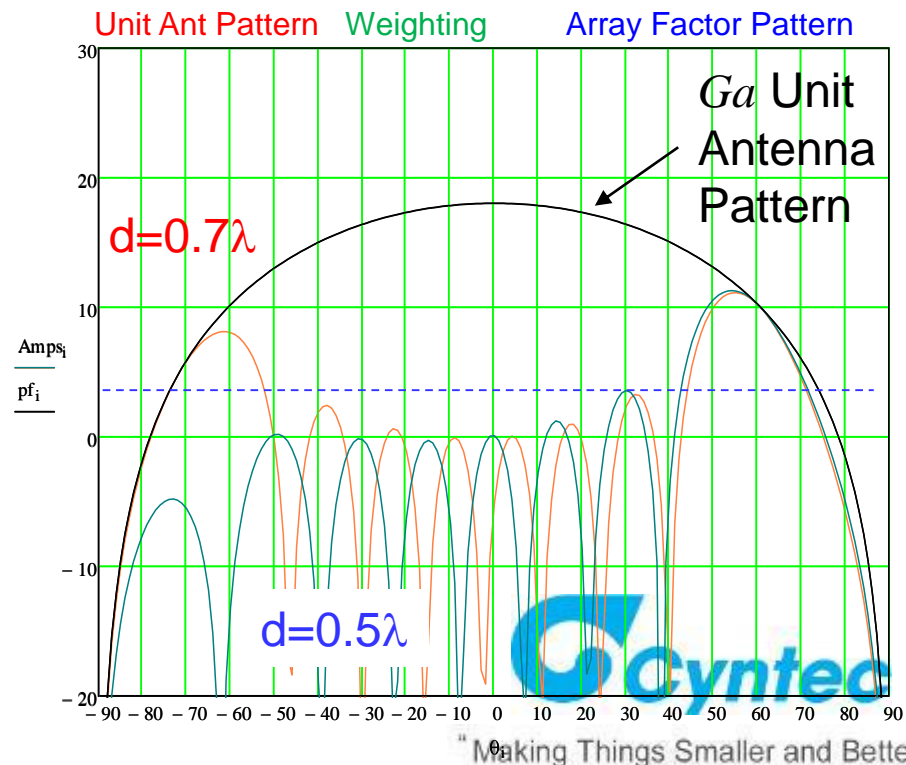
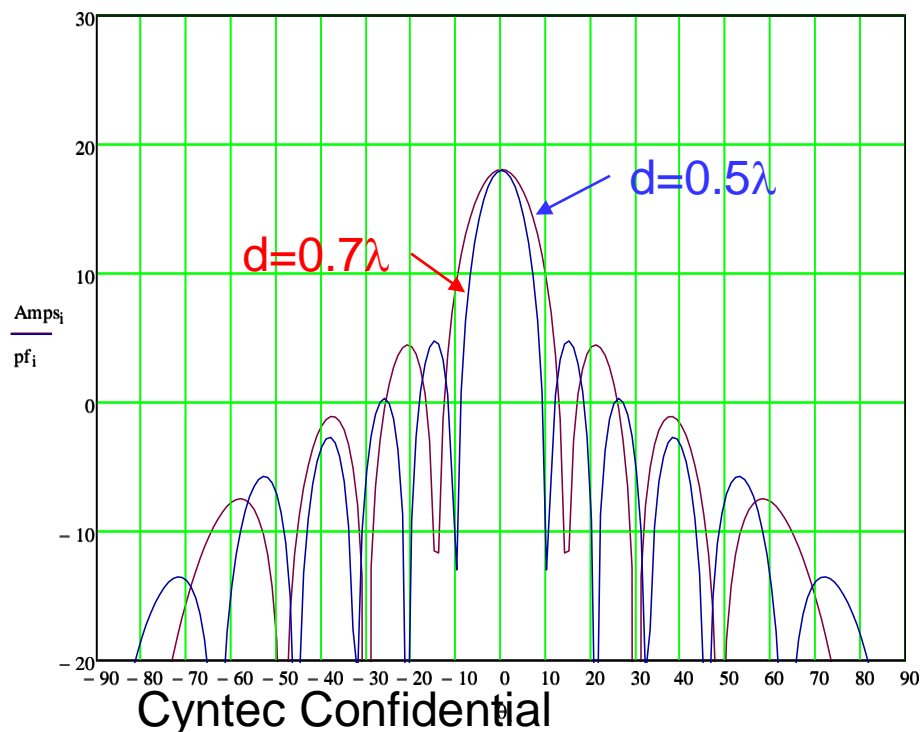
Phased Array Antenna Considerations

- Array Design & Beam Forming Characteristics

Wider is the Antenna Element Pitch

- ✓ Sharper is the Beam
- × Narrower are the Grating Lobe Pitches
- × Higher is the Side Lobe @ High Steering Angles
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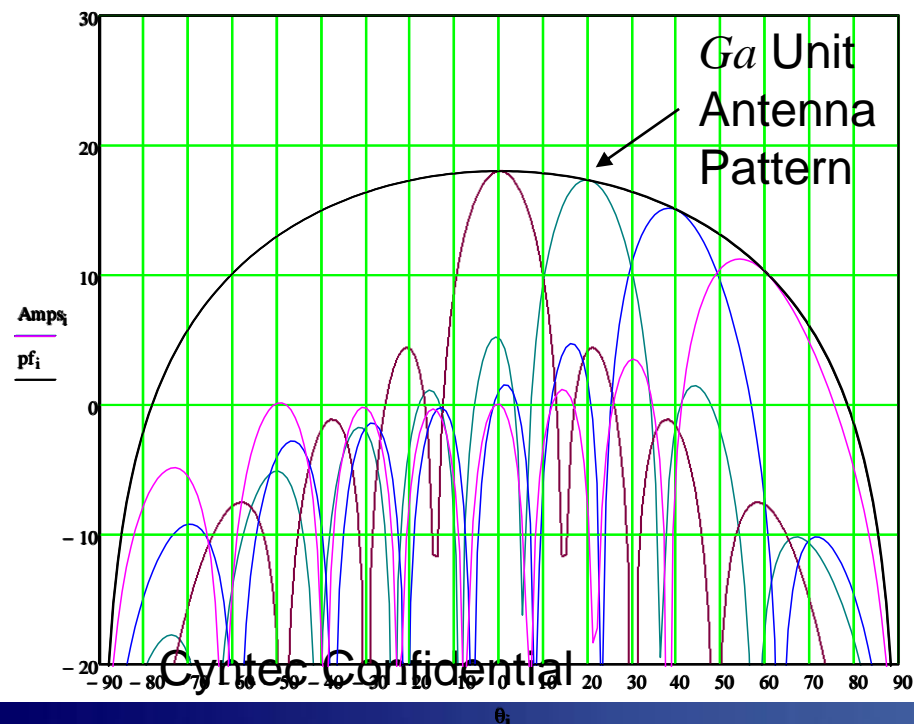
- Array Design & Beam Forming Characteristics

- Beam Steering Could be Controlled by The Phase Difference among Each Antenna (β_i)
- Side Lobes of the Radiation Could be Suppressed By Applying Power Weighting of each of the Antenna (a_n)

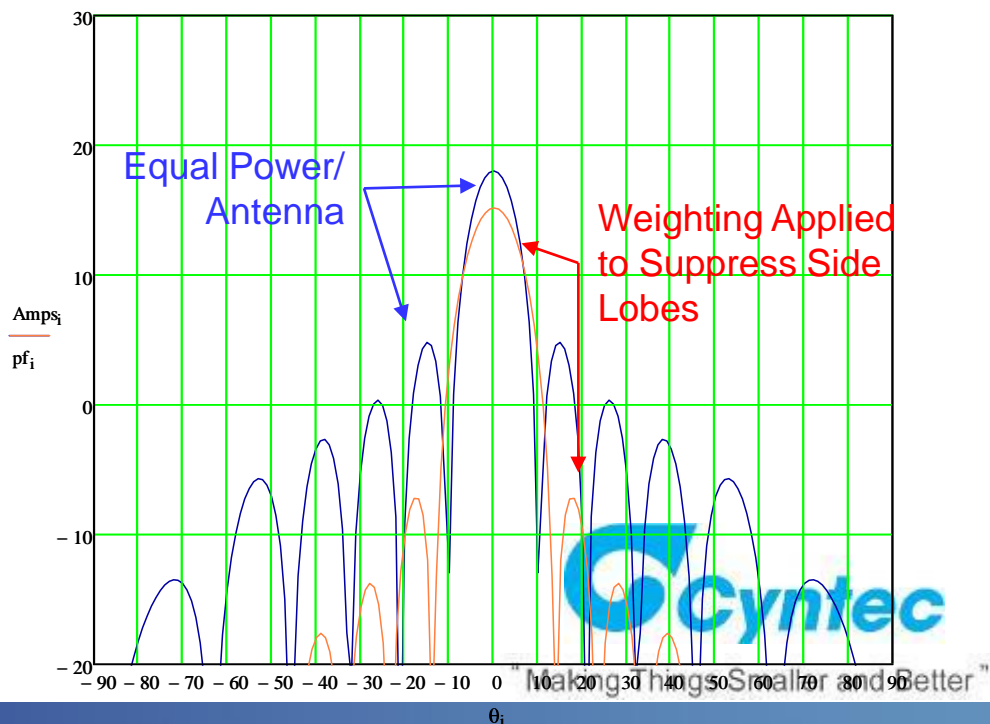
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Beam Steering of A Phased Array Antenna



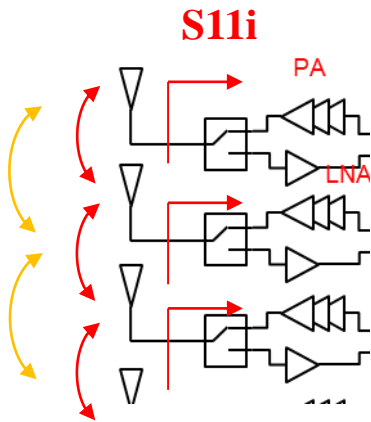
Side Lob Suppression by Applying Weightings



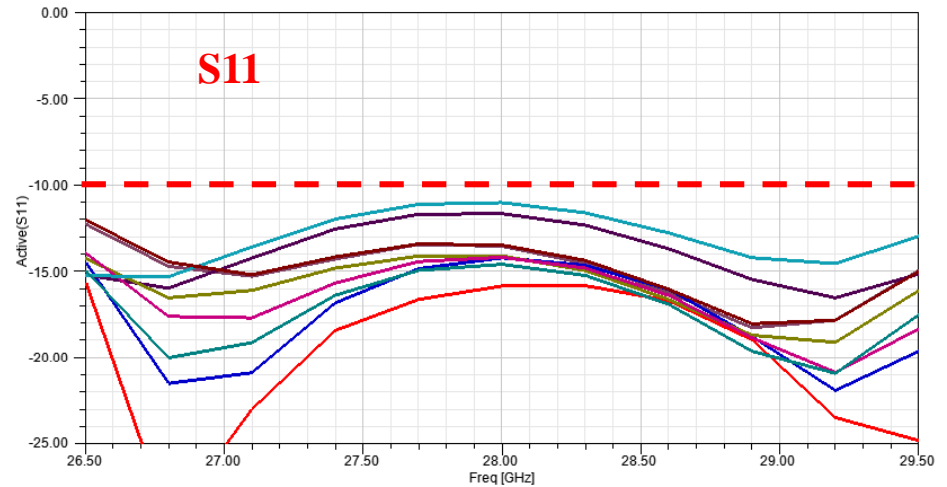
Phased Array Antenna Considerations

Active S11 Simulation of Antenna Array

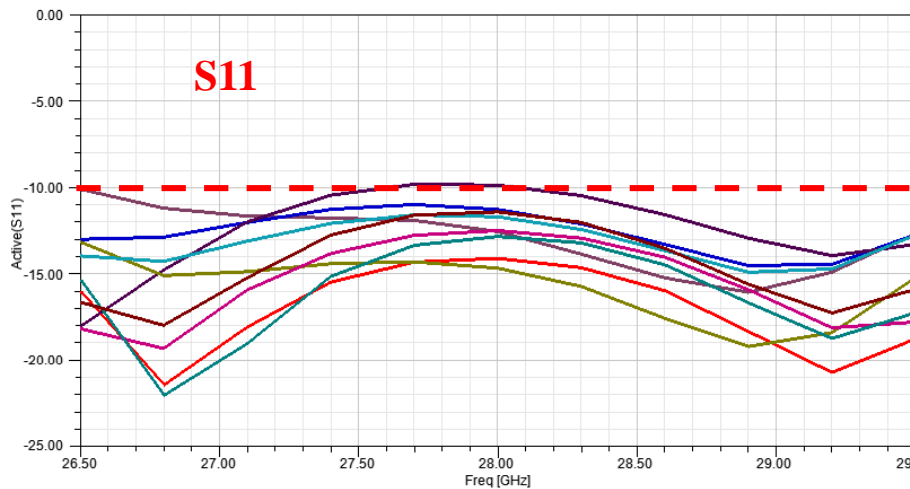
Couplings
Amplitude
& Phase



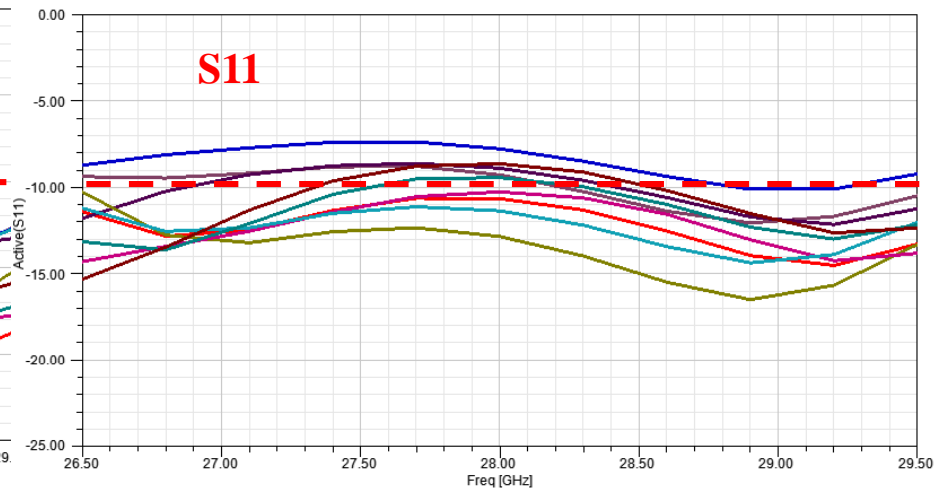
Active S-Parameter : **Beam 0°**



Active S-Parameter : **Beam 20°**

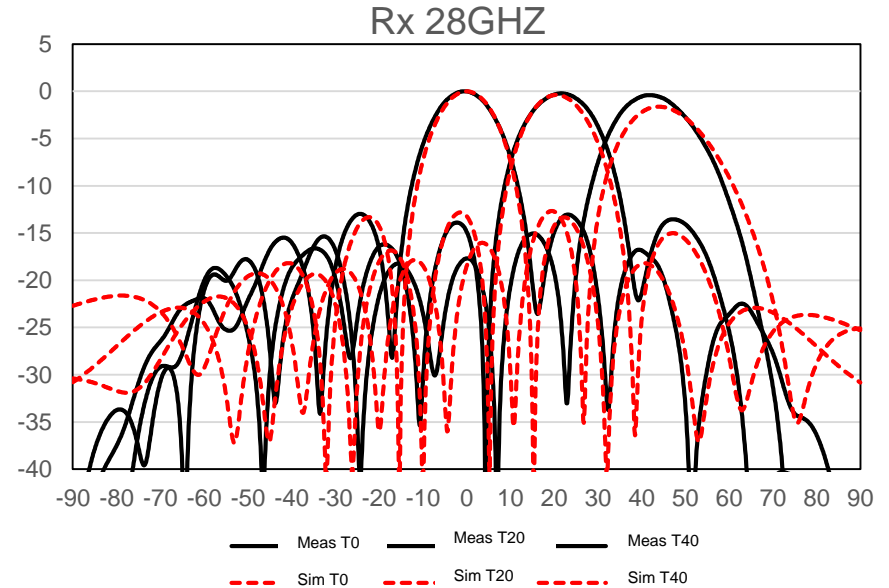
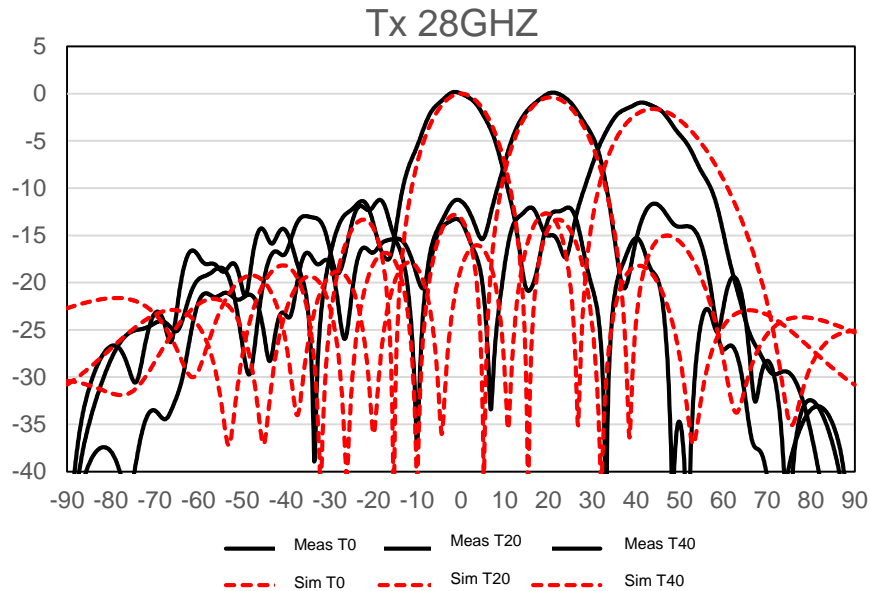


Active S-Parameter : **Beam 40°**



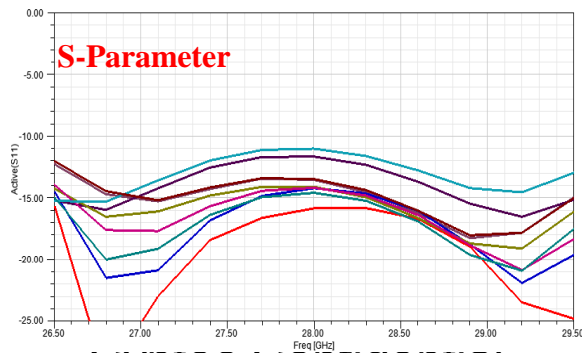
Design Considerations

- Example of 8x8 Antenna Module DALV-RR88-101-B-X
- ## Scan Loss- Measurements vs. Simulations

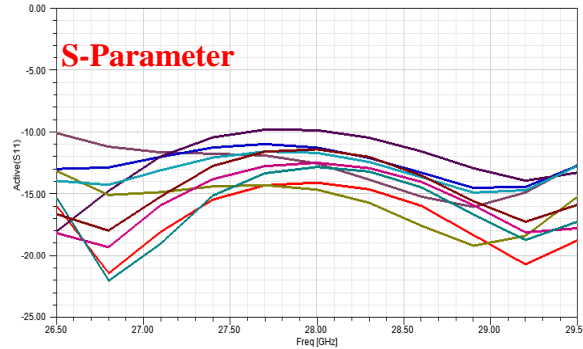


Active S11

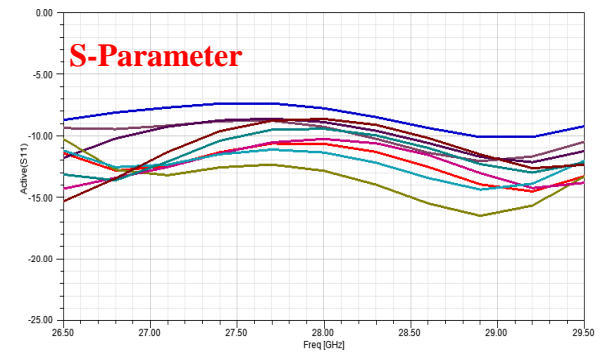
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Active S-Parameter : **Beam 40°**



Material Considerations for mmWave Applications

- Low K, Low Loss → Radiation/ Transmission
- High Resolution → Integrations
- Arbitrary Layer Structure for Antenna Module → Integrations
- Excellent Material/ Thermal Properties → Overall Performance

	Thin Film on Glass	Cyntec LTCC/ Photo Image-able	Low Loss PCB (RO3003)	Note
Dielectric Constant K	3,8	3.9 @ 28GHz	3.0 @ 10GHz ✓	Low K with Low Loss Renders Low Absolute Dielectric Loss
Loss Tangent tan δ	~0.0008 @ 3GHz ✓	<0.003 @ 28GHz	0.001 @ 10GHz	
Metal Conductivity (Ωm)	1.68 x10 ⁻⁸ (Thin Film Cu)	1.68 x10⁻⁸ (Electroplated Cu) 10⁻⁷ (Printed Ag)	1.68 x10 ⁻⁸ (Cu Foil) ✓	Electro-plated Cu metal bears lowest Conduction loss
TCE (ppm/°K)	0.4~0.5 ✓	5 (40°~400°)	XY 16/17 Z 25 (0°~100°)	Low TCE Substrate Yields Calibration Free in Temperature Varying Operation Conditions
Thermal Conductivity (W/m•K)	3.3 ✓	2.5	0.5	Excellent for Active Antenna Array Thermal Conduction
Process Resolution	+/- 3um with Photo Image-able ✓	+/- 5 um @ 25um Line, with +/-0.3% for large Patterns +/- 3um with Photo Image-able	+/- 20um	Better Control on Antenna Elements and Array Performance
Multi-Layer Structure	4-Layer Cyntec Confidential	Yes, Arbitrary Layer Structures	Yes, Hybrid But Symmetric Stack	SiP Integration Possible for Active Phased Array Module



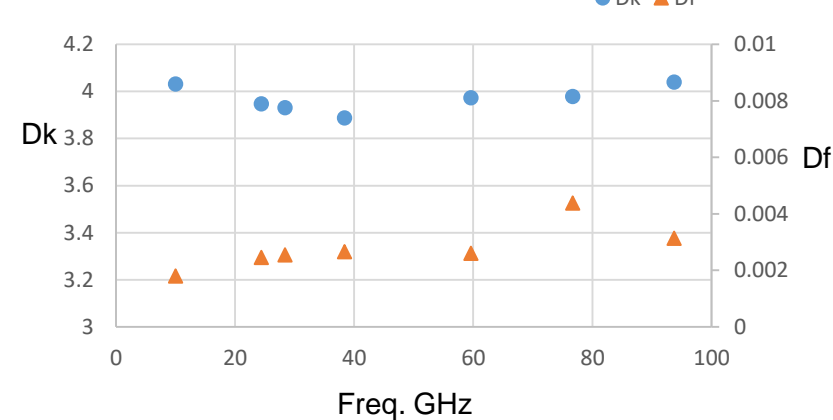
LTCC Platform for mmWave Applications

- Low K (Dk 3.9) Low Loss (Df 0.0023) up to 90GHz
- Excellent Line Loss Among Substrates (0.3dB/cm @ 28GHz)
- Layer Stack Flexibility, Cavity Capability

Cyntec LTCC Performs Lowest Losses

Material	LTCC (K3)	RO3003	ISOLA MT40	RO4350	TU933+
Dk	3.9	3	3.45	3.5	3.2
Df	0.0023	0.001	0.0031	0.0031	0.0034
Cu. Type	Silver	Rolled Cu.	Core	Reverse Cu.	Core HVLP
Roughness(Rz)	< 5um	< 5um	< 1.5um	< 8um	< 1.5um
10GHz(dB/cm)	-0.17	-0.18	-0.26	-0.33	-0.429
28GHz(dB/cm)	-0.29	-0.42	-0.45	-0.67	-0.813
Note	Excellent for Process	Hard for Stacking	Symmetric Stack	Symmetric Stack	Symmetric Stack

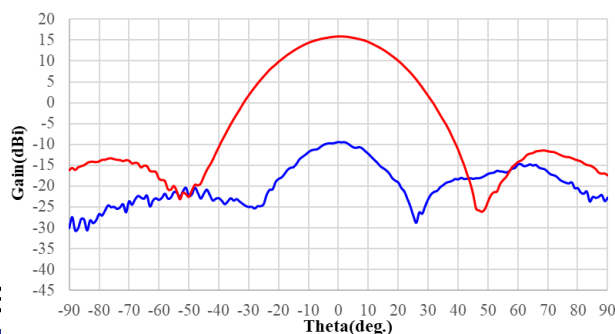
Cyntec K3 LTCC Electrical Characteristics



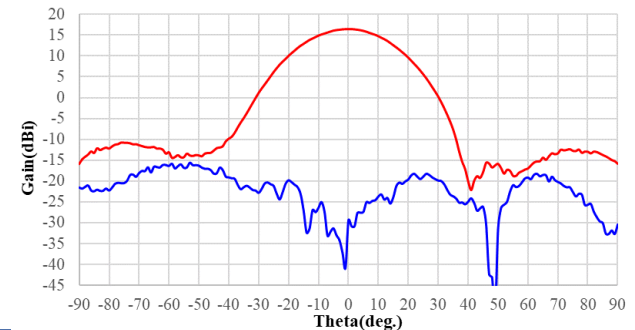
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Antenna Radiation Patterns V-Polarization

H-Polarization

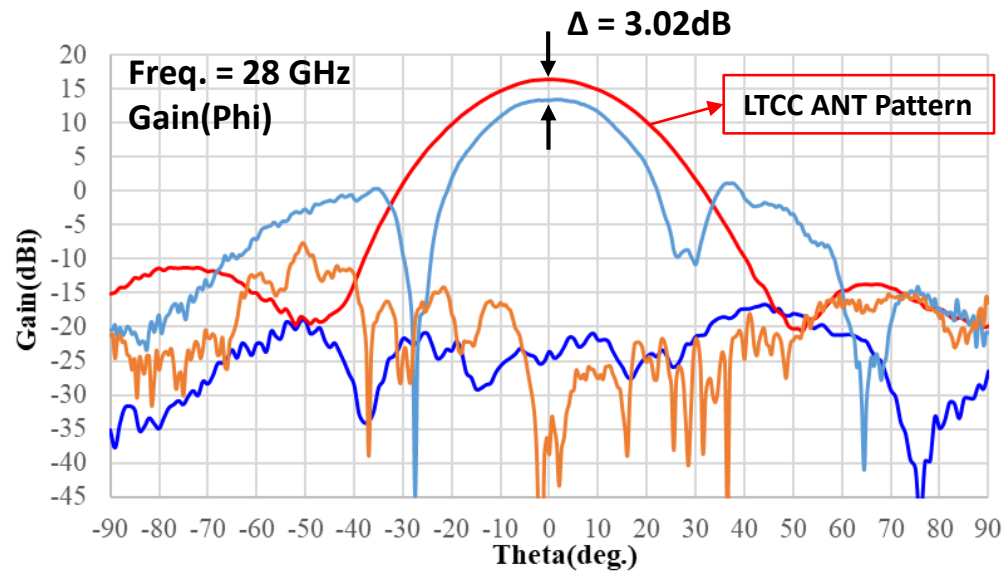


V-Polarization



Benchmark of LTCC and PCB Antenna

- 4x4 Phased Array



LTCC Phased Antenna
Performs Higher Gain (>3dB)
than that of PCB

LTCC ANT Pattern

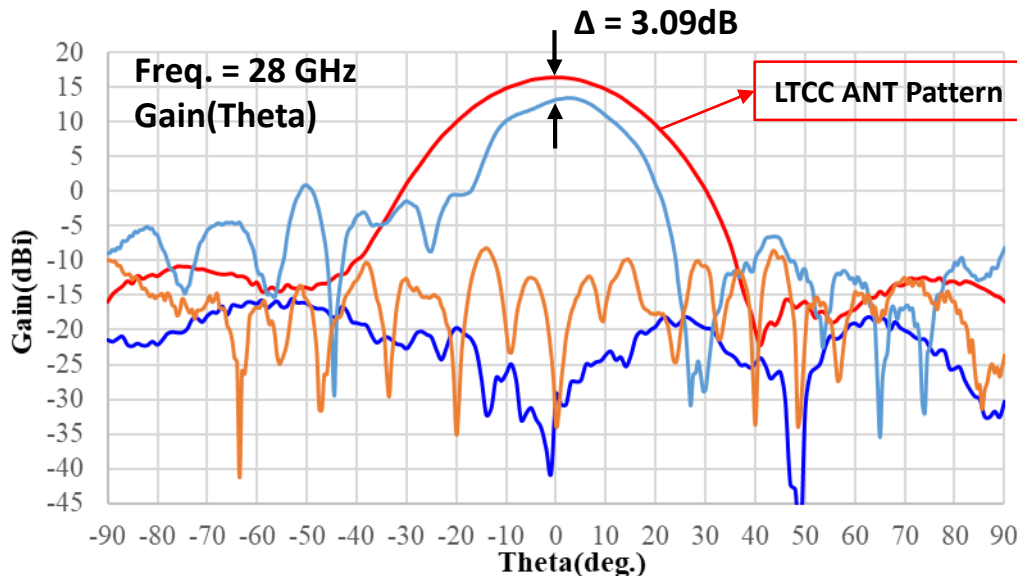
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PCB ANT Pattern

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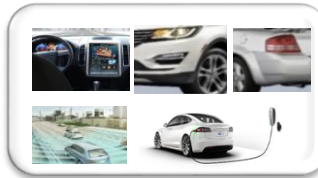
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Cyntec at a Glance

- Power & Communication Components Expert Founded in 1991
- Manufacturer of High Performance & Cost Effective Products
- Profound Bases on Material, Process Platforms & Design/ Verification
- Global Operations with 6 Manufacture Sites in TW & China



5G (Client/ Cloud)



Automotive



Energy Storage

Molded/ Sealed/ Hot Pressed/ LTCC/ Assembled Choke

Magnetic Component

Power Transformers/ Reactor

Power Modules

DC/DC Power Module

Passive/ Sensing Components

Current Sensing Resistor

Shunt Sensor

Energy Storage Device/ System

Optical & RF Modules

Fiber Optical Transceivers

Chip Resistor

Pt-RTD Tem. Sensor

Protector

Li-ion Battery

5G Antenna Modules

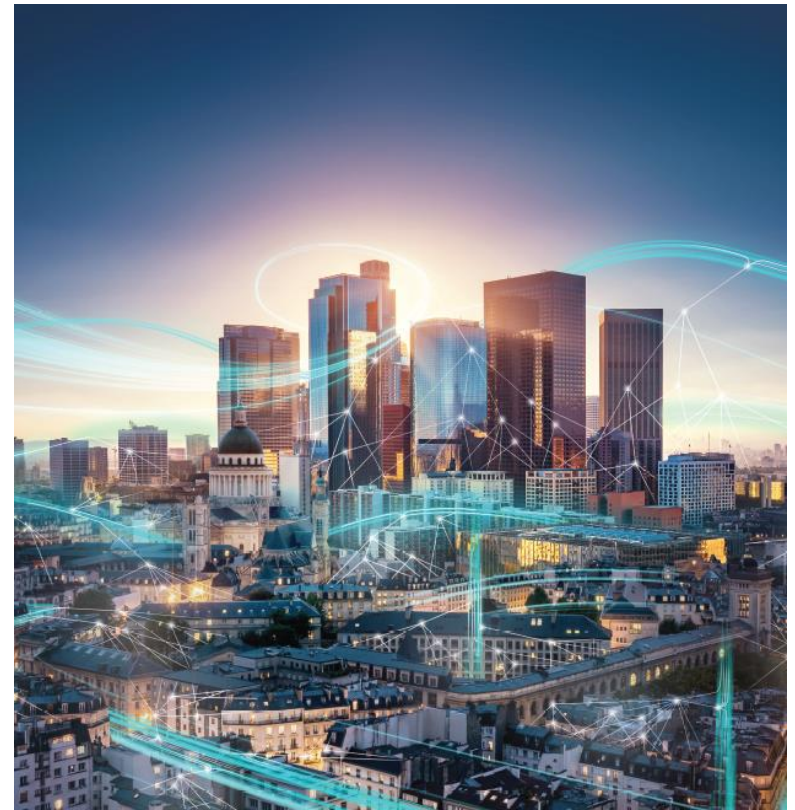
RF Modules



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Cyntec for 5G mmWave Antenna Module

- Roadmap - Profile Covering High/Low Power Types
- In-house Substrate & Packaging Platform for Antenna Module Applications
- Innovative Calibration Technique for Phased Array Antenna Design & Verification
- RF Module Manufacturing Experience



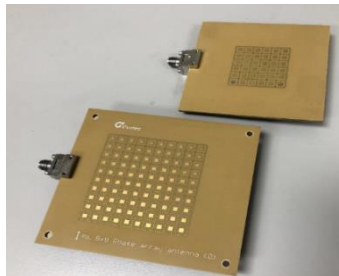
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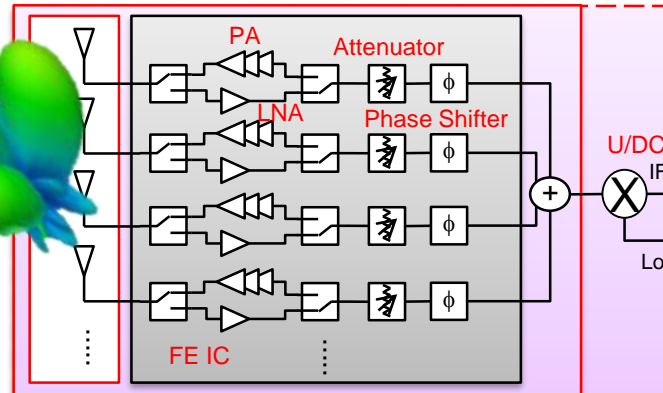
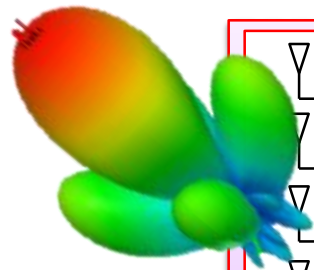
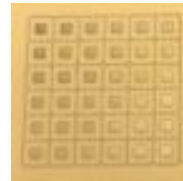
- From Passive Antenna Units, Array to Active Array Modules
- In House Tech Platforms: Organic Multi-Layer & LTCC

Small Cell Modules

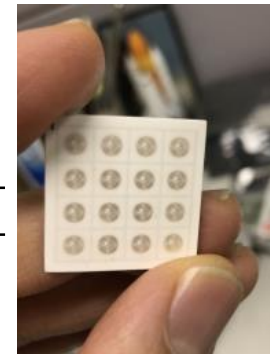
Power/ Sensitivity



CPE Module



Miniaturization Size/ Performance



Confidential



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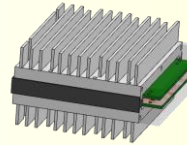
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High Power Types

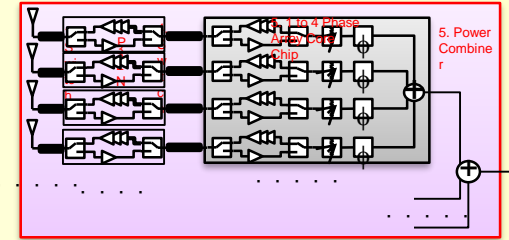
2x4 28GHz Tx Module★
ADI GaAs EIRP ~46dBm



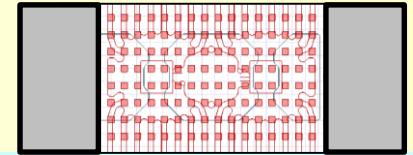
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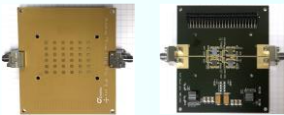
★ 8x8 28GHz Module
GaN EIRP ~62dBm



8x8 39GHz 4 Stream ★
High Power Module (GaN) 2020Q3



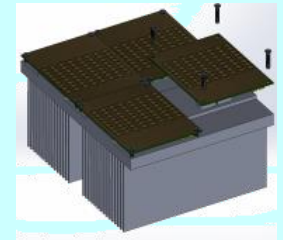
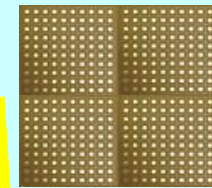
★ 4x4 28GHz Dual pol Antenna (H/V) Module
DADV-RR44-B (CMOS) 2019Q4



★ 8x8 28GHz 45 Deg pol Antenna
Module (CMOS) 2020Q2



★ 16x16xN 28GHz Dual pol Antenna
Module (CMOS) 2020Q4~2021Q2
(Scaled up by 8x8 AIP)



Medium/ Low Power Types

★ 8x8 28GHz Antenna Module
DALV-RR88-B (CMOS) 2019Q4



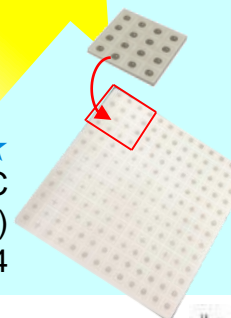
8x8 28GHz Dual pol ★
Antenna AIP (CMOS)
DADI-RR88-B 2020Q4



★ 4x4 28GHz Antenna Module (CMOS)
DALV-RR44-B 2019Q3



8x8 28GHz Dual pol ★
Antenna AIP w. UDC
(CMOS+LTCC)
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2019

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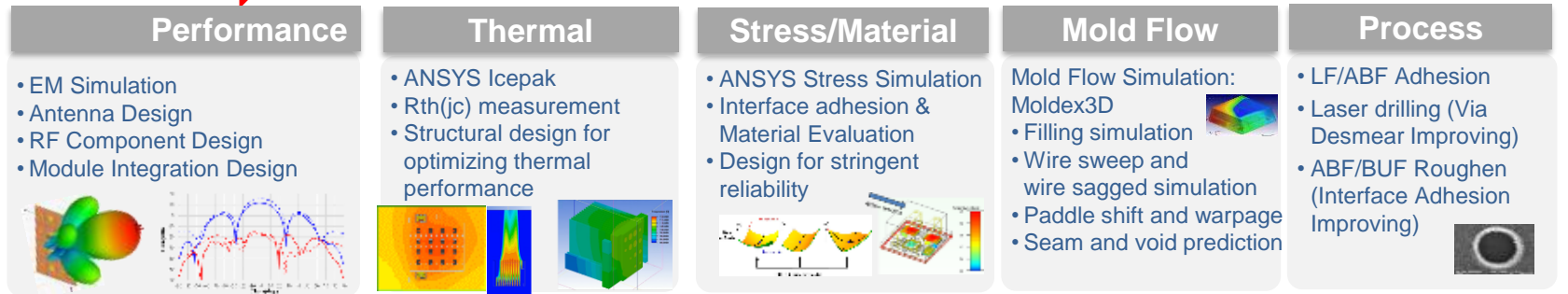
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Process Platforms

- Packaging Process Platforms for Antenna Module Applications



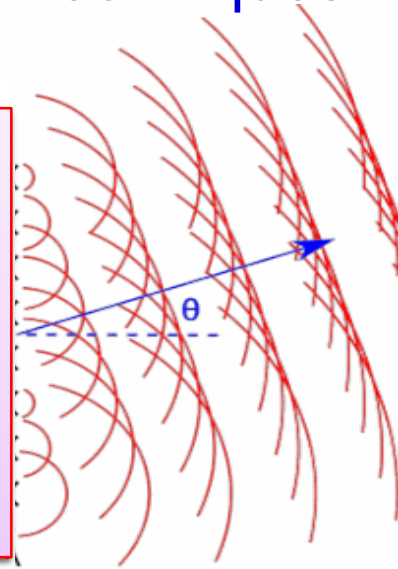
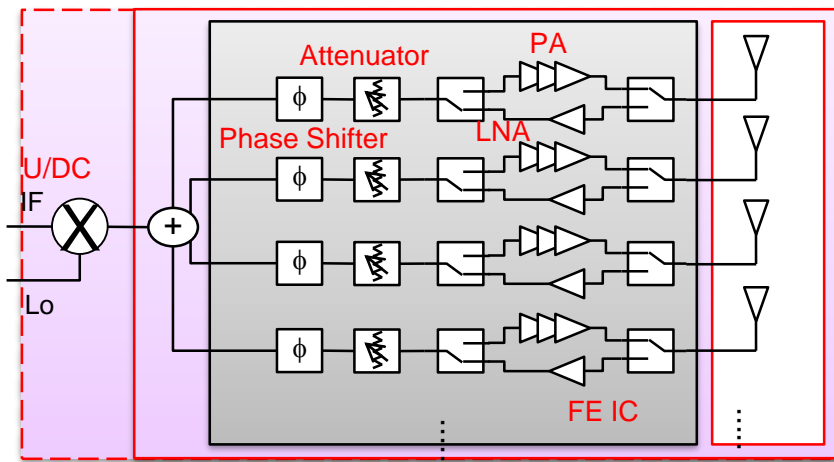
Optimization for Products



Design/Simulation/Material Optimize



Phased Array Antenna Calibration Techniques

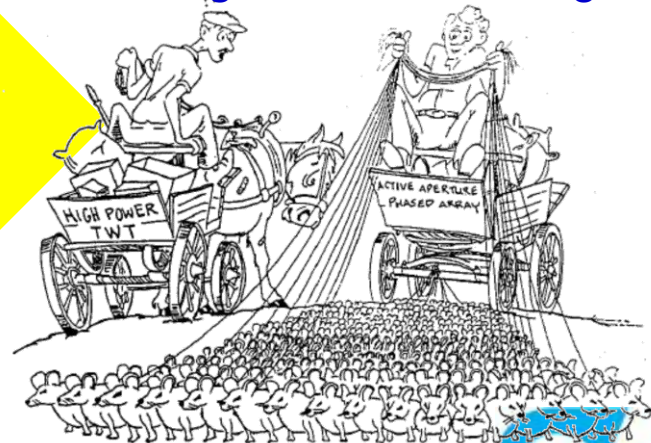


Before Calibration
Non-Aligned, Disordered

Post Calibration, Aligned with
Strengths & to The Target



Calibration



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Innovative Calibration Technique Greatly Saves Beam Table Generation Time

Innovative All Channel on Calibrative Method

- Far Field Measurement Method
- ✓ Channel Coupling Effect Considered
- ✓ Quick Generation for Beam Table Calibration (10+ Times Quicker)

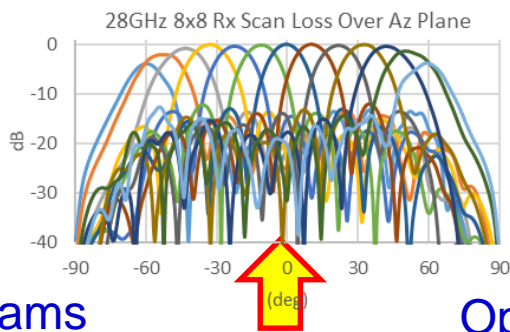
Traditional Calibration Method

- Near Field Measurement Method
- Single Channel Phase Gain, Neglecting Coupling Effect
- Time Consuming due to State by State, Channel by Channel Measurement

Measurement Points Required 156x64x2=19,968/ Freq.



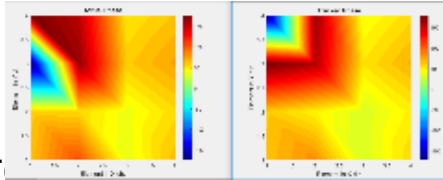
Steering Beam Generation +/- 60° AZ/ EL 156 Beams 64 Antenna, 64bit Phase/ 32 Bit Gain Control



Measurement Points Required 64x32x2x64=262,144/ Freq

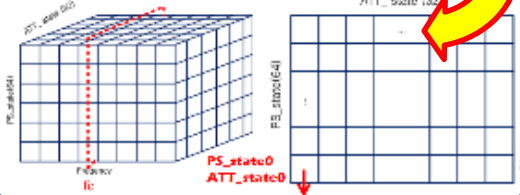


Eigen Vectors for Beams



Beam Tables

Optimized Phase/ Gain State Matrix



Beam Forming Calculations

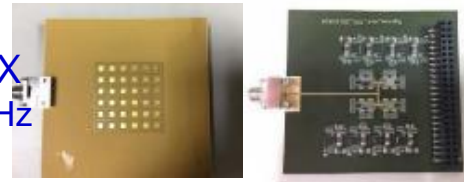
28GHz Phased Array Antenna Module Prototypes

- Wide Bandwidth Covering N257/ N261 Bands

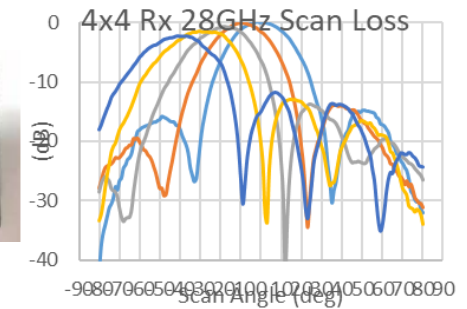
Operation Frequency Bands: 26.5~29.5GHz
Conform to 5G Antenna Requirement

4x4 Vertical Polarization Module DALV-RR44-101-B-X

- Tx: EIRP 43 dBm @P1dB; 32dBm @3% 64QAM 100MHz BW)
- Rx: Gain 36dBi, EIS -63dBm (@3% 64QAM 100MHz BW)
- Beam Steering H/E Cut +/- 40°

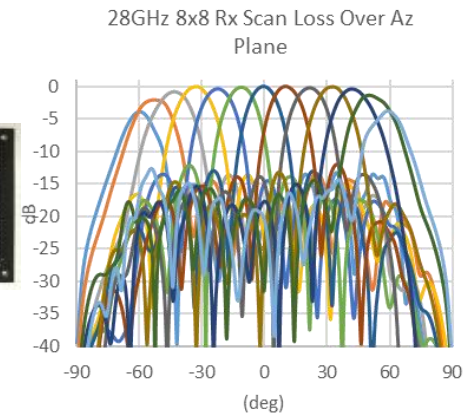
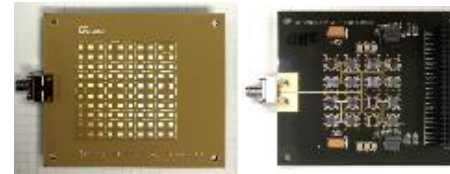


Measured Scan Loss



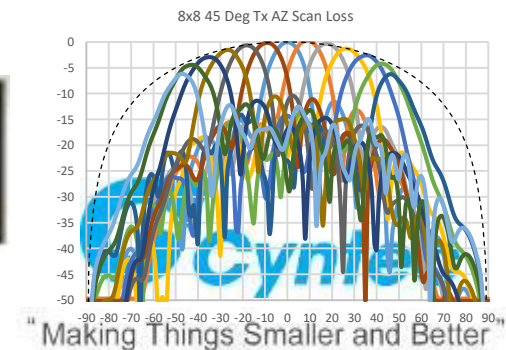
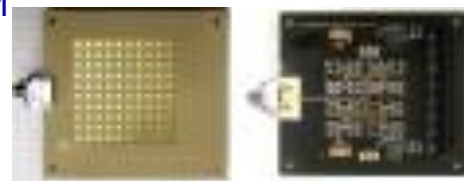
8x8 Vertical Polarization Module DALV-RR88-101-B-X

- Tx: EIRP 54.5 dBm @P1dB; 47dBm @3% EVM 64QAM 100MHz
- Rx Gain: 39dBi, EIS -68dBm (@ EVM 3% 64QAM BW:100MHz)
- Beam Steering H Cut +/- 60°, E Cut +/- 45°



8x8 45 Deg Polarization Module DALI-RR88-101-B-X

- Tx: EIRP 54.5 dBm @P1dB; 47dBm @3% EVM 64QAM 100MHz
- Rx Gain: 39dBi, EIS -68dBm (@ EVM 3% 64QAM BW:100MHz)
- **Beam Steering H & E Cut +/- 60°**



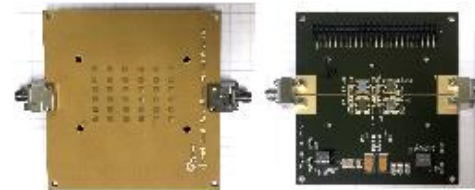
28GHz Phased Array Antenna Module Prototypes

- Wide Bandwidth Covering N257/ N261 Bands

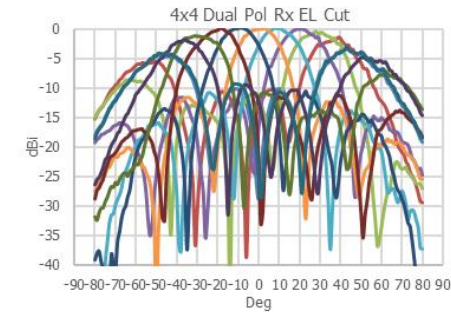
Operation Frequency Bands: 26.5~29.5GHz
Conform to 5G Antenna Requirement

4x4 Dual Polarization Module DADV-RR44-101-B-X

- Vertical/ Horizontal Polarization
- Tx/ Pol: EIRP 45 dBmi @P1dB; 35dBmi @3% EVM 64QAM 100MHz
- Rx/ Pol: Gain 36dBi, EIS -63dBm (@ EVM 3% 64QAM BW:100MHz)
- Beam Steering H/E Cut +/- 40° H/ V Pol



Measured Scan Loss

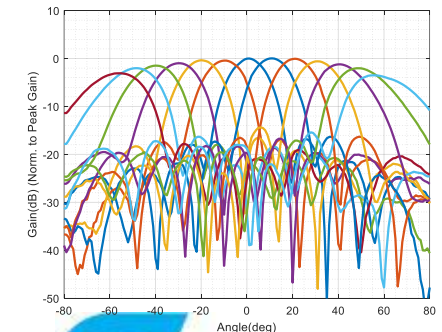


Scalable 8x8 +/-45 Deg Dual Polarized Antenna Integrated Package DADI-RR88-101-B-X

- +/-45 Deg Polarization
- Tx/ Pol: EIRP 55 dBmi @P1dB; 47 dBmi @3% EVM 64QAM 100MHz
- Rx/ Pol: Gain 39dBi, EIS -69dBm (@ EVM 3% 64QAM BW:100MHz)
- Beam Steering AZ +/- 60°, EL +/-20°



8X8 45 Dual Pol Tx AZ Cut

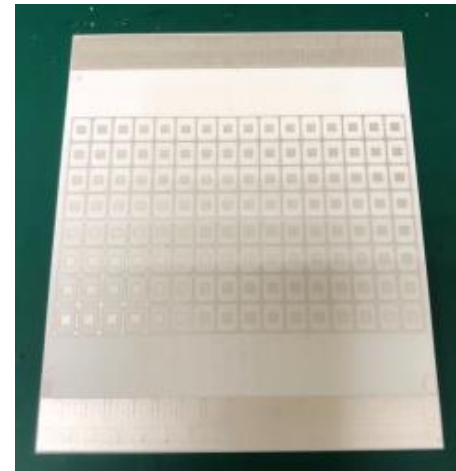
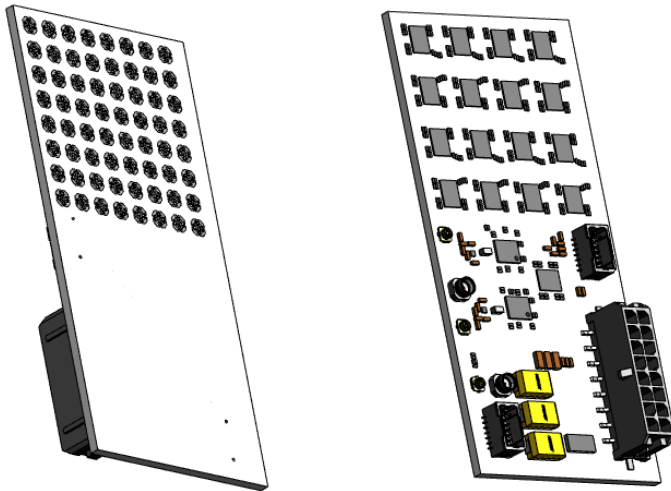


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LTCC Based Antenna Integrated Package - DADI-RI88-101-C-X

Scalable for Small Cell & Base Station Applications

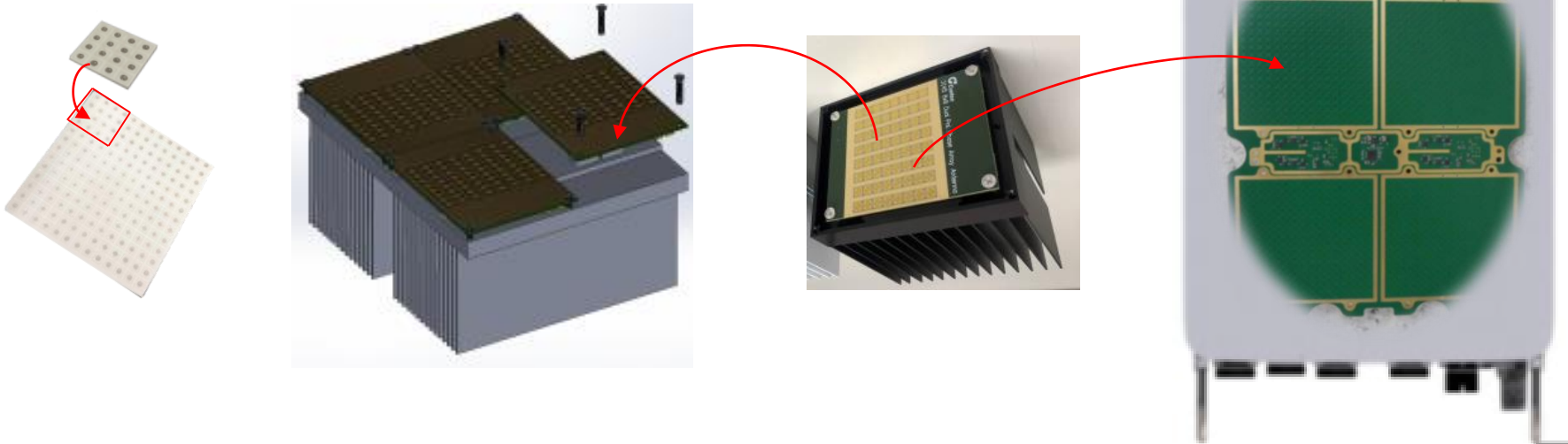
- Frequency
 - RF 26.5~29.5GHz (N257)
 - IF: 2.6GHz~5.8GHz
 - Lo: 5.4~6.6GHz
- +/-45 Deg Polarization
- **Beam Steering AZ +/- 60°, EL +/-60°**



28GHz Phased Array Antenna Module Prototypes

- Scale up to Large Array with 8x8 Base Unit Array
(Under Development)

- Base Unit Array: 8x8 Dual Polarized AIP
- Scale up Topologies: 8x8xN, 16x16xN
- Scale up Integration with Re-configurable Firmware Control



Phased Array Antenna Module Prototypes

- 28GHz High Power Antenna Module Prototype

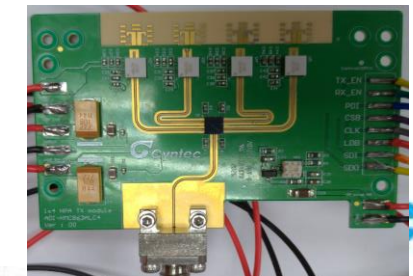
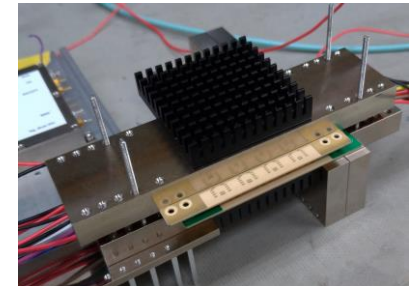
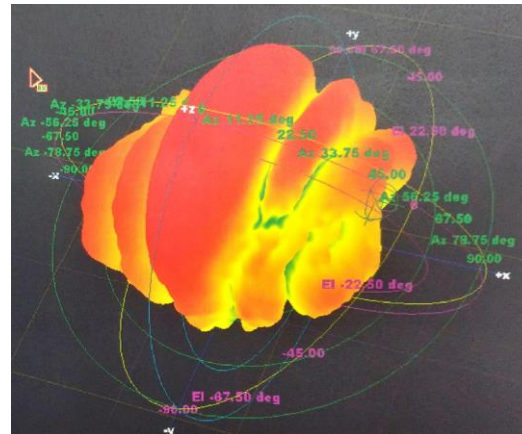
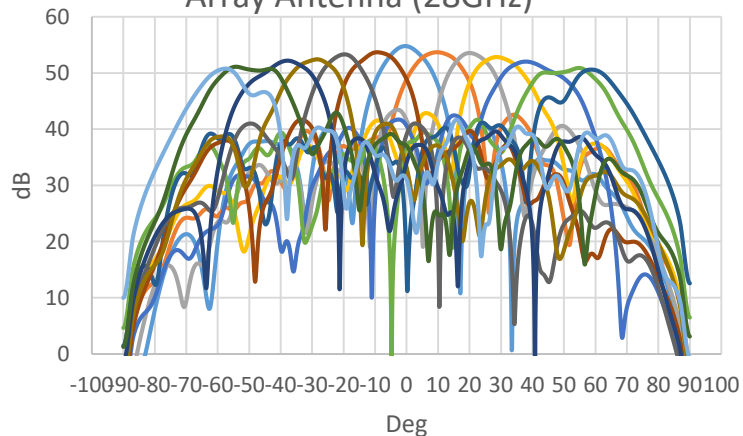
Features

- High Power Miniaturized Architecture
- GaAs PAM Integrated
- Steering Angle: Fan Beam, +/-60 deg AZ.
- Array Type: 2x4
- EIRP @1dB: 46.5dBmi
- Gain: 54dB
- Power Consumption:14W

12.5% Power Saving Comparing to CMOS Type w. Equivalent EIRP

	HPA 2x4 Array	CMOS 4x4x2 Array
Active Antenna Gain(dBi)	54	40
EIRP(dBmi) @P1dB	47.05	46
Power Consumption(W)	14	16

Radiation Patterns of 2X4 HPA Phased Array Antenna (28GHz)

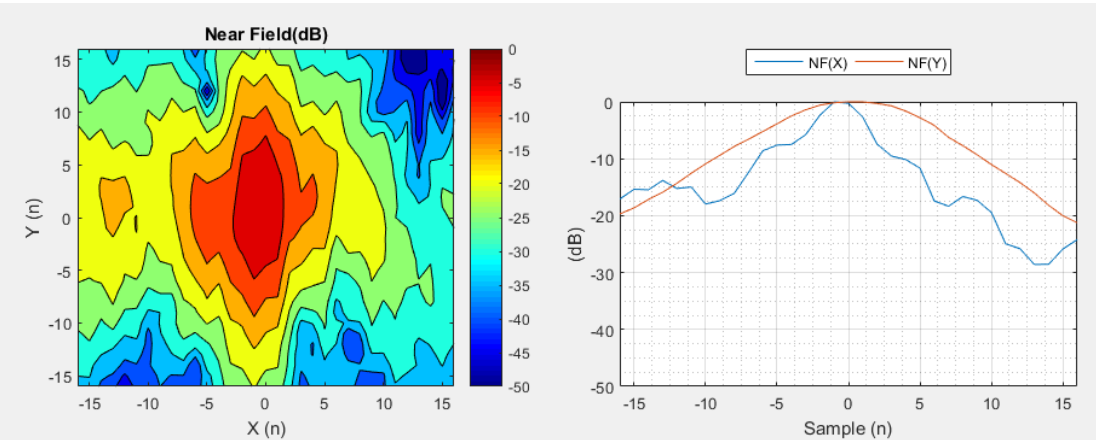
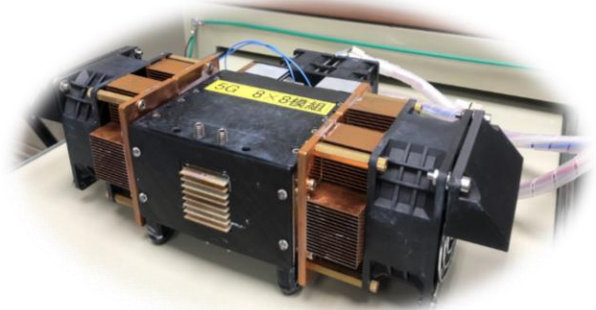


High Power Device Challenges for Phased Array Antenna

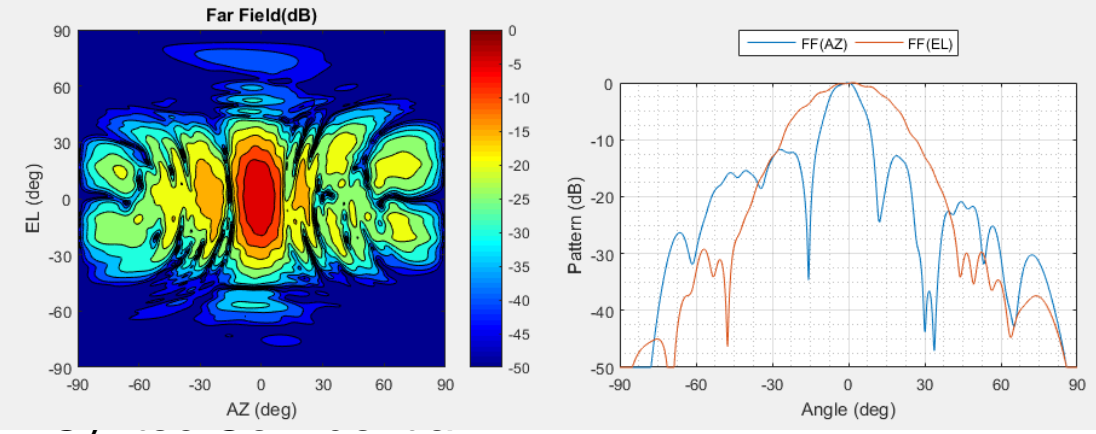
- 39GHz 2x8 High Power Array Antenna Module Prototype

- 16-Element/ Beam, 4 Beams
- Output Power per element: 29.67dBm
- EIRP: 53.67dBm (Linear Power)

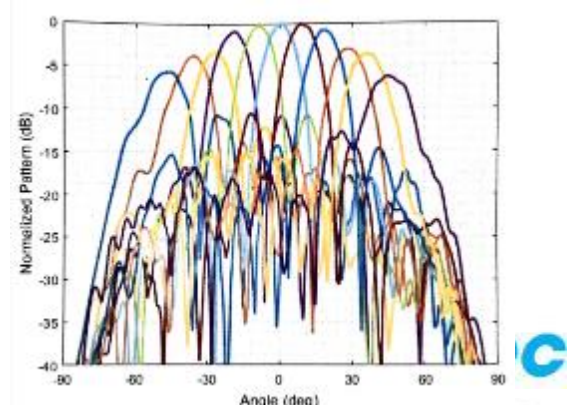
Near Field Measurement Data



Far Field Beam Pattern



	Value
Input Power	0dBm
Element	N=16
Element antenna Gain	Ge=0
Output Power per element	29.67dBm
EIRP	53.67dBm



Conclusions

- 5G mmWave Antenna Modules Covering Base Station, Small Cell & Base Station Applications are developed
 - Series of CMOS Based 4x4, 8x8 Single Pol & Dual Pol Phased Array Antenna Modules are Developed and Verified
 - GaAs & GaN Based HPA Type Antenna Modules are under Development
- Cyntec Team Owns Capabilities & Experiences on mmWave Phased Array Antenna Module Development, Design, Calibrations, Verifications, & Manufacture
- Cyntec is Ready to Serve you toward Reliaizations of 5G mmWave Applications

